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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 11082 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CARACAS
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 11082

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN ARMS RESTRAINT INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 170296

1. FOLLOWING POINTS ON MEXICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT
INITIATIVE WERE MADE BY AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ GALVEZ DURING
CALL BY POL, STARRS, TO PRESENT POL COUNSELOR DESIGNATE
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PRYCE. (JUNE 27 BUSHNELL TESTIMONY TRANSCRIPT AND TWO
STUDIES ON LA ARMS TRANSFERS AND MILITARY EXPENDITURES
WERE DELIVERED TO HIM.)

--A. MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR ARMS RESTRAINT CONFERENCE NOW
HAS SUPPORT OF SEVEN COUNTRIES (MEXICO, VENEZUELA,
ECUADOR, COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS)

ALL OF WHOM WILL ACT AS CO-SPONSORS. MEXICO HOPES TO HAVE TWELVE PARTICIPANTS AT LEAST. IF IT APPEARS IMPOS-SIBLE TO ORGANIZE CONFERENCE WITHIN FORTY DAY PERIOD MEXICO HAS PROPOSED, FALBACK POSITION WOULD BE TO HAVE THEIR PROPOSAL DISCUSSED IN GENEVA IN LATE AUGUST. MEXICANS HAVE INVITED CUBA, AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ HOPED VERY MUCH CUBANS WILL ATTEND.

--B. RE QUESTION OF INVITING ARMS SUPPLIERS TO A SECOND CONFERENCE (PARA 5 OF DRAFT MEXICAN PROPOSAL), SOVIETS MIGHT WELL BE AMONG INVITEES.

2. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAS NOT YET SEEN BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS ILL. HE FEELS THAT BRAZIL WILL BE MOST STRENUOUS OPPONENT OF MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL. THOMPSON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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